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POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of poverty alleviation schemes being implemented in various States particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of targets fixed and achievements made thereunder during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for poverty alleviation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development implement three Poverty main Alleviation Schemes i.e. Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) in all the States and Union Territorie including Jammu & Kashmir except Delhi and Chandigarh.The erstwhile programme of IRDP and its allied schemes were merged, restructured and renamed as SGSY w.e.f 1.4.1999. Similarly, JRY was also restructured and renamed as JGSY w.e.f 1.4.1999.EAS also was restructured and made allocation-based w.e.f 1.4.99.

(b): State-wise details of target fixed and achievements thereon under the Poverty Alleviation Scheme for the last two years are given at Annexure - I(a) to (e) for IRD and allied programmes & II for SGSY, III & IV for EAS and V & VI for JRY/JGSY.

(c): For effective implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programme, the following steps have been taken by the Government:

(i) Selection of works and beneficiary by the Gram Sabha.

(ii) Social audit by the Gram Sabha.

(iii) Constitution of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the Block, District and State level.

(iv) Utilization Certificate and Audit Report is essential for release of second instalment of Central share of funds.

(v) Non-embezzlement/Non-diversion Certificate from the district authority before release of second instalment of Central share of funds.

(vi) Field visits by the officials of the Ministry under Area Officers Scheme.

(vii) Physical verification of the assets created on the spot by the District and State officials.